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A Glimpse into L.A. County's Past through Decades-Old Journals Discovered at County Assessor's Office

When: Monday, March 18, 2019

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Where: Natural History Museum of Los Angeles
Seaver Center for Western History Research – Ground Floor
900 Exposition Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90007

Who: Los Angeles County **Assessor Jeffrey Prang**
Chief Deputy Director **Dawn McDivitt**

What: Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang discovered 20 historic journals that will be donated to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM) and become a part of the Seaver Center of Western History Research Collection. Dating from 1934 to 1951, the red-covered journals are packed with a remarkable collection of handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, Assessor related documents, and personal mementos. These were all compiled by the late D.G. Cathcart, Chief Personal Property Appraiser and Pasadena resident. The fascinating journals contain articles and comics that dealt with local and national politics and assessment and property tax issues, giving insight into how the Assessor's Office functioned prior to Prop. 13.

Visuals: Capture Assessor Prang making the donation at the NHM and witness how artifacts such as, historic journals are received, including how the museum begins the preservation of such documents.

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